



Conveyor Belts for Underground Coal Mining

- Follow Up to March 2007 Presentation

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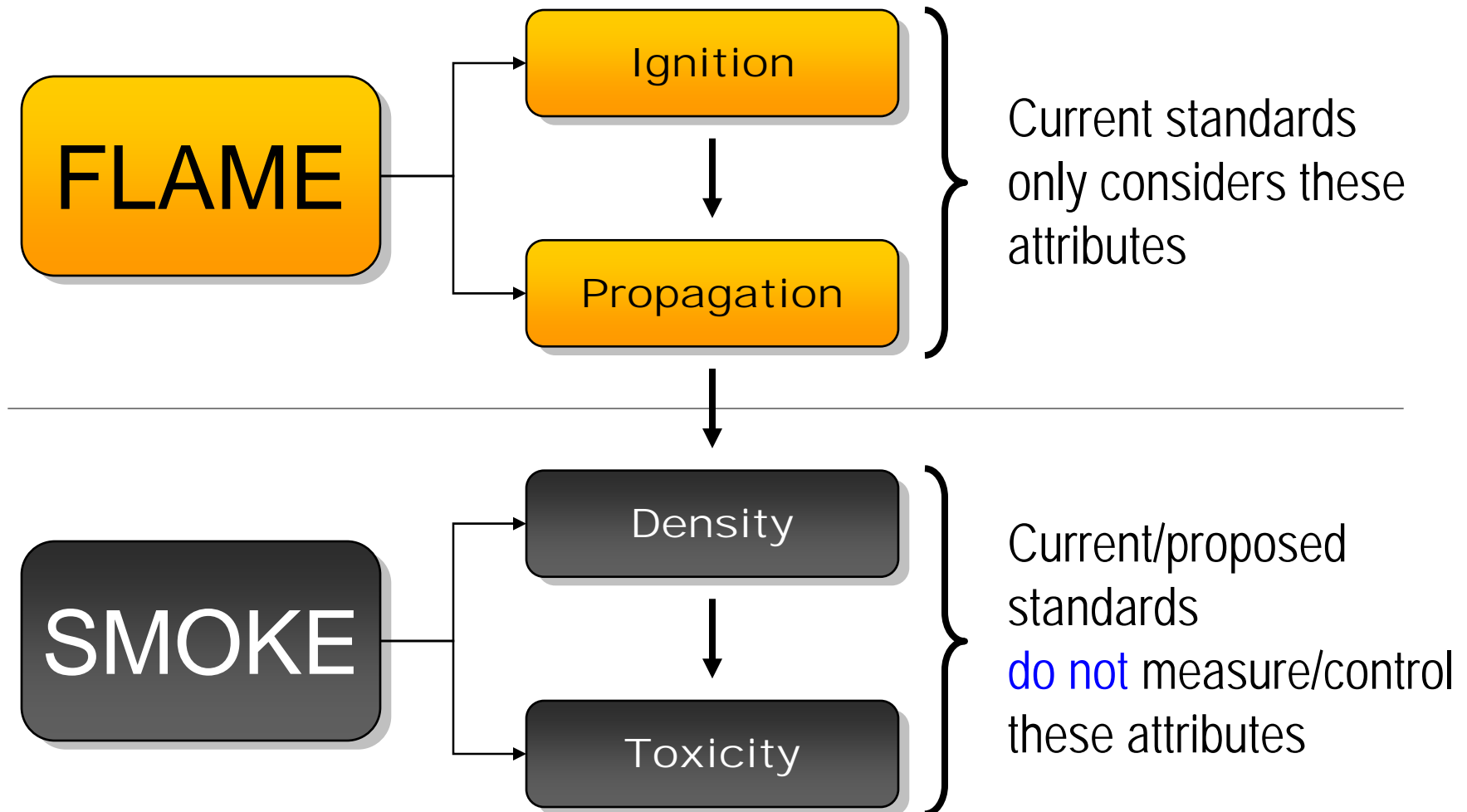


Follow Up Items

- Halogen Free conveyor belts meet B.E.L.T.
- Smoke analyses on Halogenated and Halogen Free belts
 - B.E.L.T. unit
 - Cone Calorimeter
 - ASTM E662/BSS 7239
- Static Conductivity Results
- Drum Friction Results



Attributes of Belt Flame Resistance Safety





Belt Safety: Smoke & Halogens

Two groups of flame retardants that can be added to hydrocarbon materials (rubber/plastic)

Halogenated Materials

- Contain Bromine or Chlorine
- Very effective for propagation resistance
- Lower cost than alternate materials
- Produce thick smoke and toxic gases when heated

Halogen Free Materials

- Use non halogenated materials.
- Higher levels needed for propagation resistance
- Can be cost effective
- Produces significantly **less** smoke and toxic gases when heated

Halogen Free materials are off - the - shelf /commercially available



B.E.L.T Test Data - Halogen Free Belts

Belt Type(Plies fabric/Belt Rating PIW)	2/400	3/600	3/750	4/800	4/1000
Inches of Belt remaining after test (>6")	27	26	26	28.5	31

Pass on all sizes/ranges used in USA mines



B.E.L.T. Demonstration



Halogen Free



B.E.L.T. Demonstration

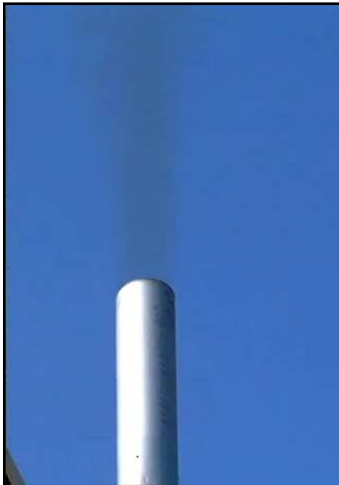


B.E.L.T. Halogenated



B.E.L.T. Measurements - Smoke Density

Halogen Free
Smoke Density – 25%



Halogenated
Smoke Density – 100%





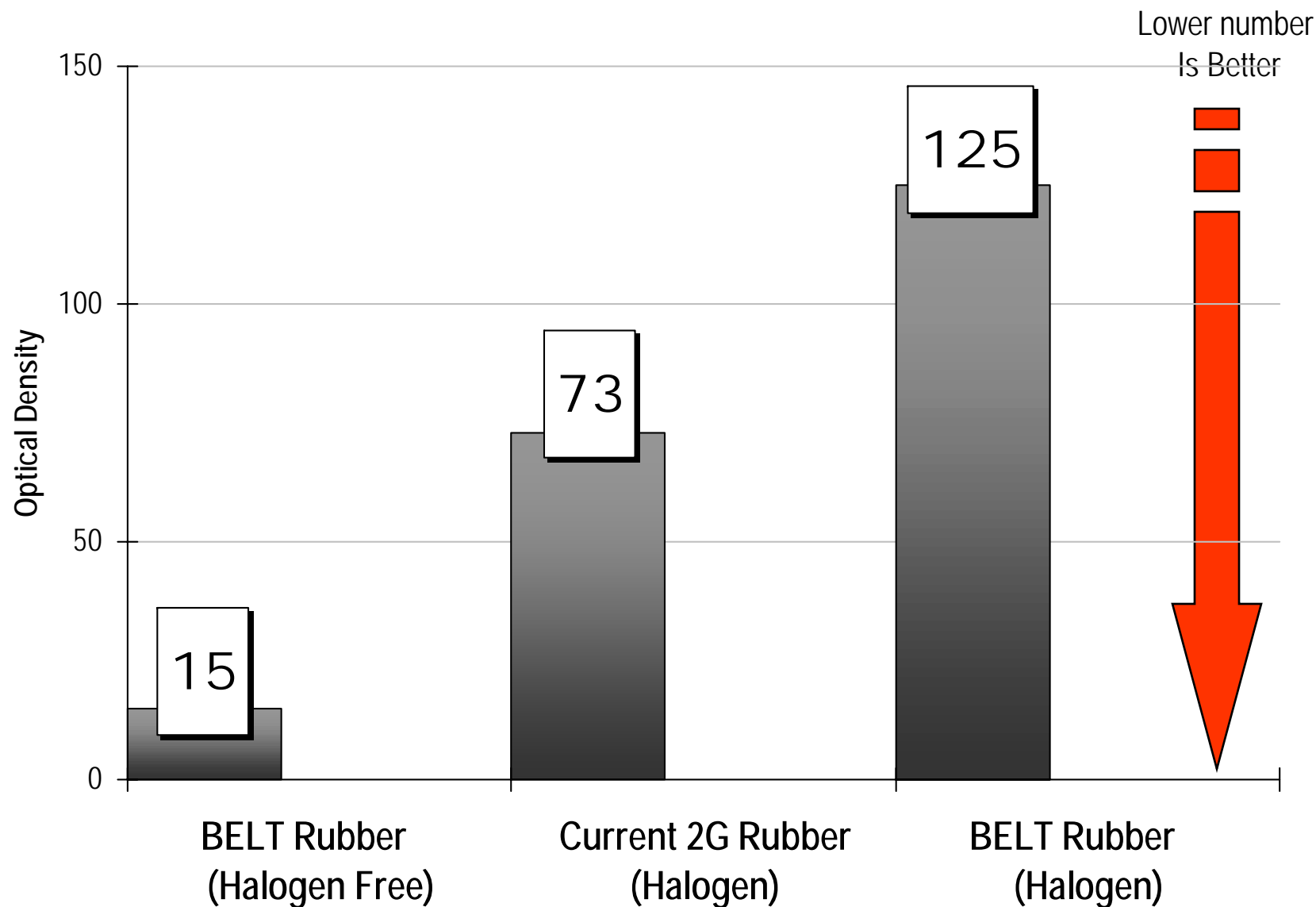
Smoke Analyses - Cone Calorimeter (ASTM E1354)

Belt Material	Halogen Free	Halogenated
Heat Release Rate (kW/m ²)	60.4	77.4
CO Yield (kg/kg)	0.03	0.11
HCL (PPM)	0	304
<i>Smoke Density</i>		
Average Smoke Release (m ² /kg)	338	757
Total Smoke Release (m ² /m ²)	2892	6139



Smoke Density from Belts (ASTM E662)

After 4 Minutes – Smoldering before Ignition

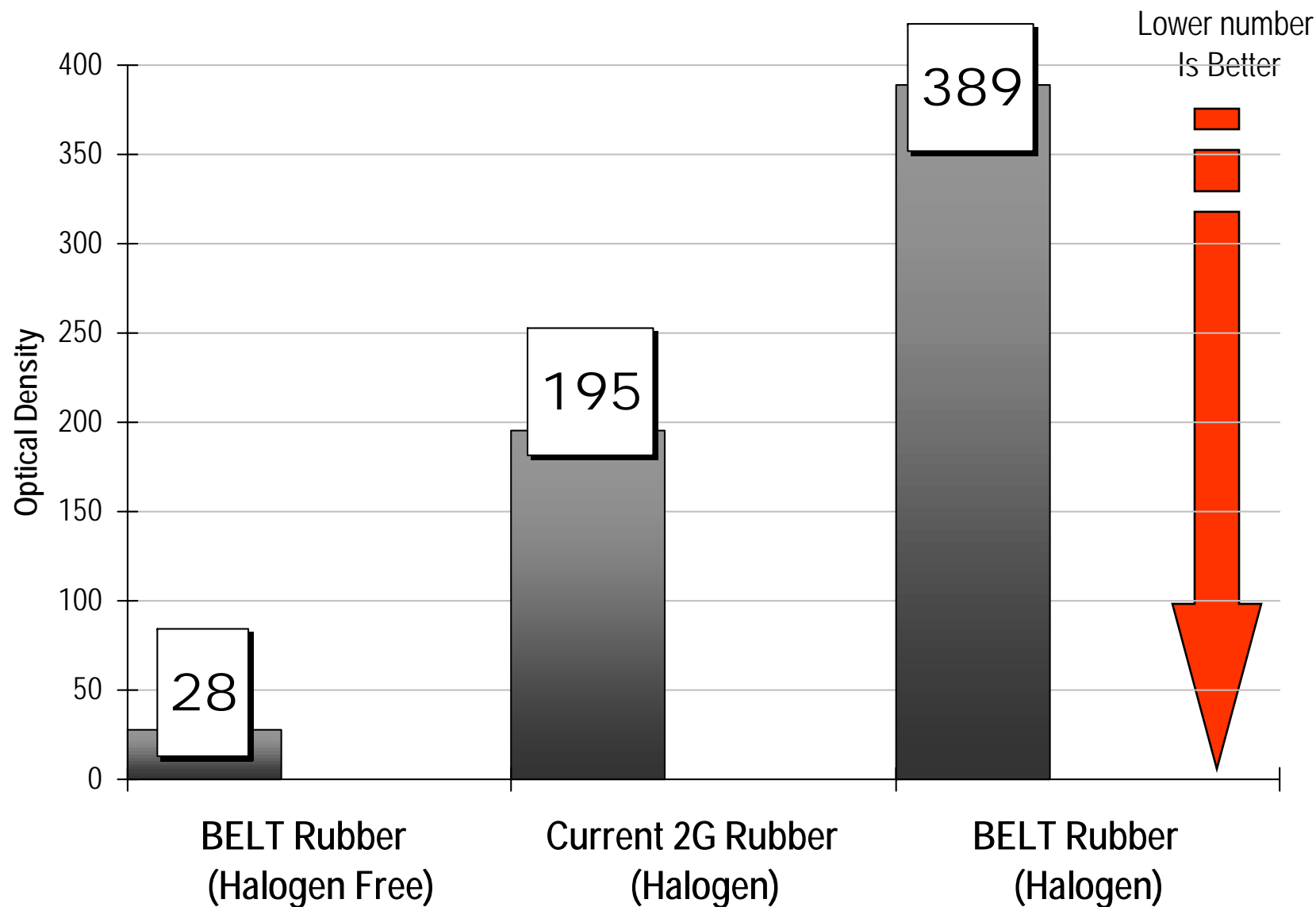




Smoke Density from Belts (ASTM E662)

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After 4 Minutes – Flaming

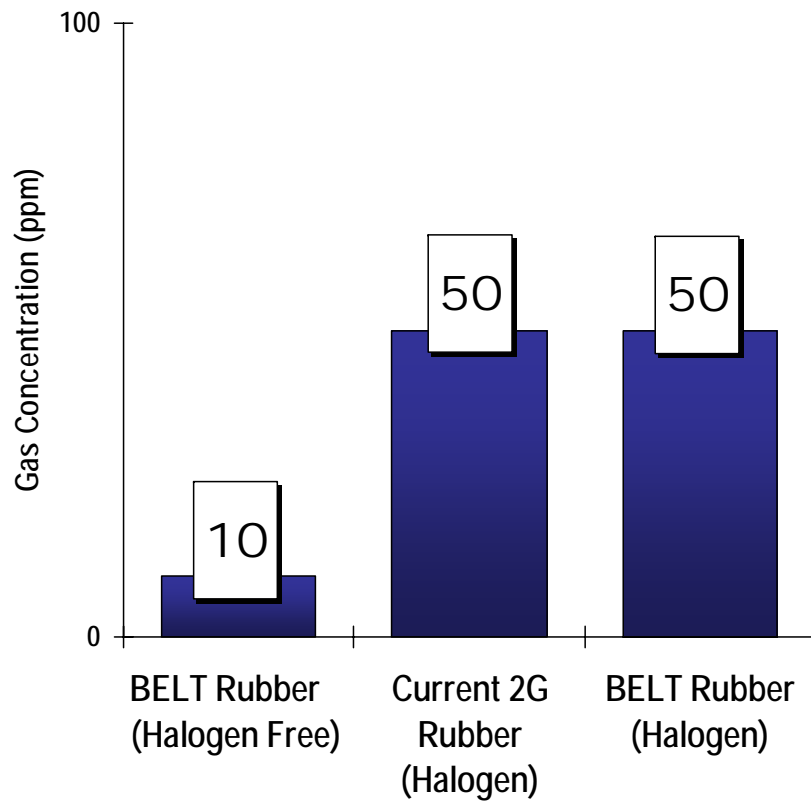




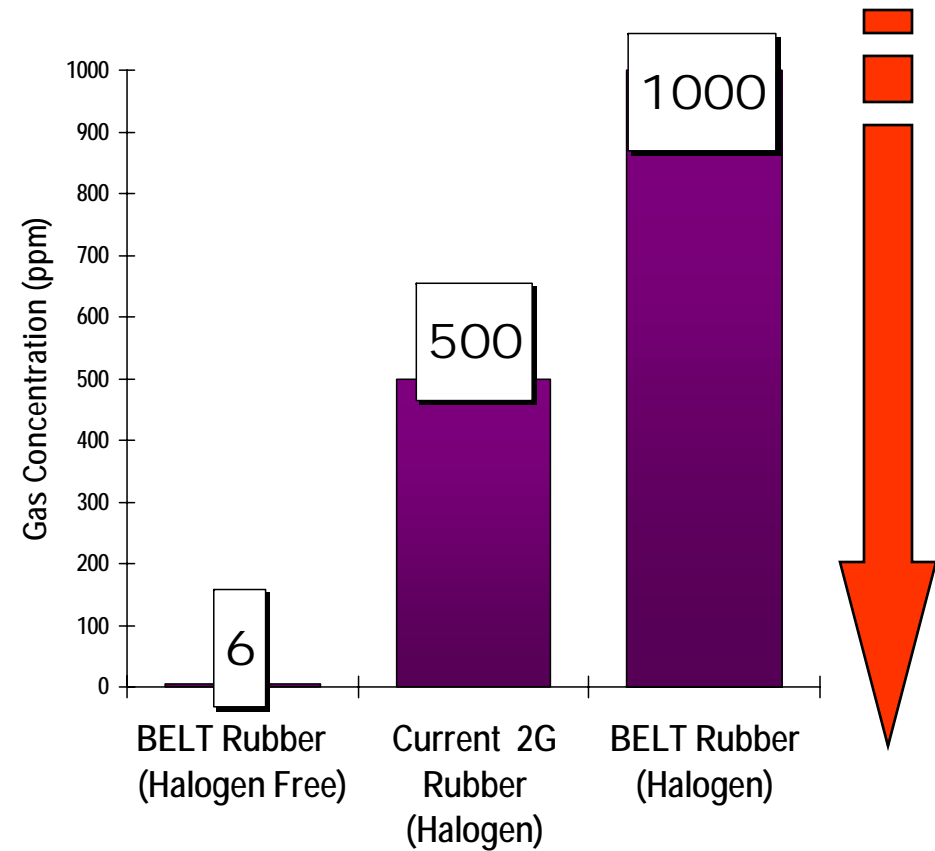
Toxic Gases from Belts (BSS 7239)

After 4 Minutes –Smoldering before Ignition

Lower number
Is Better



Carbon Monoxide
(CO)



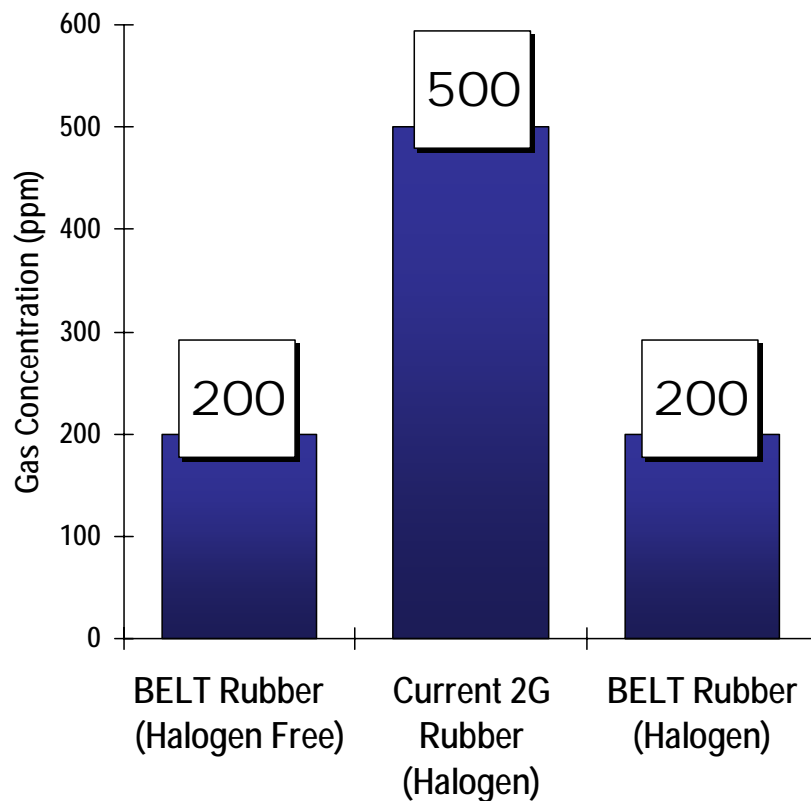
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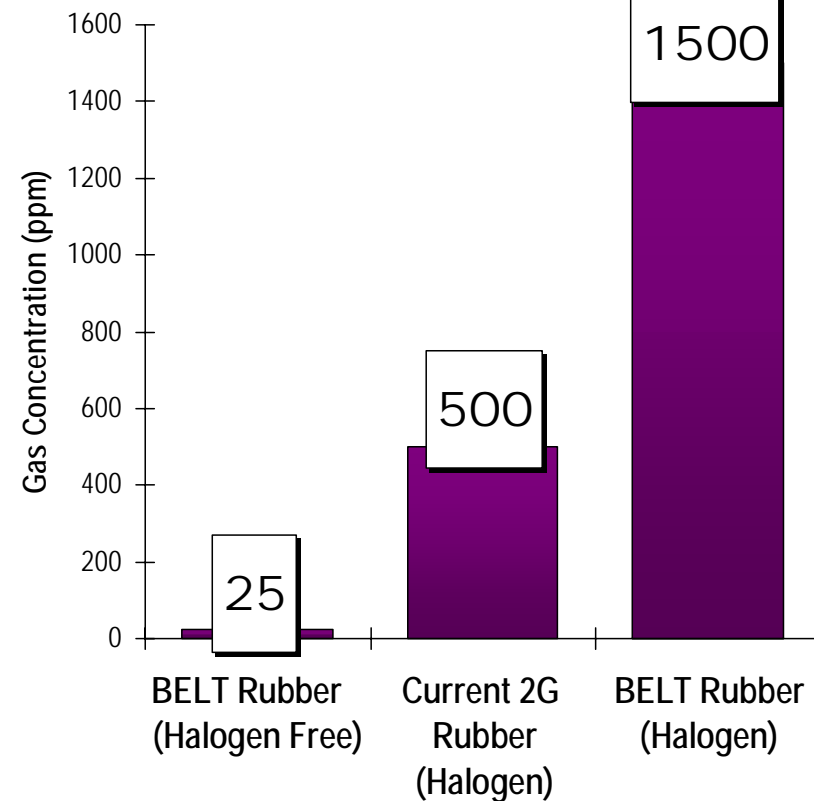
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Drum Friction/Static Conductivity - Halogen Free

<i>Belt Type</i>	2/400	3/600	4/800	4/1000
Static Conductivity (300 M ohm max)				
Top Cover	0.052	0.045	0.034	0.025
Bottom Cover	0.078	0.069	0.057	0.051
Drum Friction (2 hours, 325C max temp)	150C	140C	100C	115C

Pass on all sizes/ranges



Conclusions/Recommendations

- Halogen Free Materials significantly reduce smoke density and toxicity when smoldering or burning.
- Halogen Free Materials comfortably pass B.E.L.T. requirements/static conductivity/drum friction.
- Smoke Density/Toxicity should be added as part of Flammability Standard for conveyor belts for underground coal mining.
- Drum Friction/Static conductivity should also be added as part of the standard for conveyor belts for underground coal mining.